

Travel Reimbursement Information

1. The following rate policy is to be applied for reimbursing the travel expenses of persons under contract. *The terms "contract" and/or "subcontract" have the same meaning as "grantee" and/or "subgrantee" where applicable.*
 - a. Reimbursement for travel and/or per diem shall be at the rates established for nonrepresented/excluded state employees. *Exceptions to DPA lodging rates may be approved by DHS upon the receipt of a statement on/with an invoice indicating that such rates are not available.*
 - b. Short Term Travel is defined as a 24-hour period, and less than 31 consecutive days, and is at least 50 miles from the main office, headquarters or primary residence. Starting time is whenever a contract or subcontract employee leaves his or her home or headquarters. "Headquarters" is defined as the place where the contracted personnel spends the largest portion of their working time and returns to upon the completion of assignments. *Headquarters may be individually established for each traveler and approved verbally by the program funding the agreement. Verbal approval shall be followed up in writing or email.*
 - c. Contractors on travel status for more than one 24-hour period and less than 31 consecutive days may claim a fractional part of a period of more than 24 hours. Consult the chart appearing on page 2 of this exhibit to determine the reimbursement allowance. All lodging must be receipted. If contractor does not present receipts, lodging will not be reimbursed.

(1) Lodging (with receipts):

Travel Location / Area	Reimbursement Rate
Statewide (excluding the counties identified below)	\$ 84.00 plus tax
Counties of Los Angeles and San Diego	\$110.00 plus tax
Counties of Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara	\$140.00 plus tax

Reimbursement for actual lodging expenses exceeding the above amounts may be allowed with the advance approval of the Deputy Director of the Department of Health Service or his or her designee. Receipts are required. *Receipts from Internet lodging reservation services such as Priceline.com, which require prepayment to that service, ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE LODGING RECEIPTS and are not reimbursable without a valid lodging receipt from a lodging establishment.*

- (2) Meal/Supplemental Expenses (with or without receipts): With receipts, the contractor will be reimbursed actual amounts spent up to the maximum for each full 24-hour period of travel.

Meal / Expense	Reimbursement Rate
Breakfast	\$ 6.00
Lunch	\$ 10.00
Dinner	\$ 18.00
Incidental expenses	\$ 6.00

- d. Out-of-state travel may only be reimbursed if such travel *is necessitated by the scope or statement of work* and has been approved in advance by the program with which the contract is held. For out-of-state travel, contractors may be reimbursed actual lodging expenses, supported by a receipt, and may be reimbursed for meals and supplemental expenses for each 24-hour period computed at the rates listed in c. (2) above. For all out-of-state travel, contractors/subcontractors must have prior *DHS written or verbal approval. Verbal approval shall be confirmed in writing (email or memo).*
- e. In computing allowances for continuous periods of travel of less than 24 hours, consult the chart appearing on page 2 of this *exhibit*.
- f. No meal or lodging expenses will be reimbursed for any period of travel that occurs within normal working hours, unless expenses are incurred at least 50 miles from headquarters.

2. If any of the reimbursement rates stated herein are changed by the Department of Personnel Administration, no formal contract amendment will be required to incorporate the new rates. However, DHS shall inform the contractor, in writing, of the revised travel reimbursement rates.
3. For transportation expenses, the contractor must retain receipts for parking; taxi, airline, bus, or rail tickets; car rental; or any other travel receipts pertaining to each trip for attachment to an invoice as substantiation for reimbursement. Reimbursement may be requested for commercial carrier fares; private car mileage; parking fees; bridge tolls; taxi, bus, or streetcar fares; and auto rental fees when substantiated by a receipt.
4. **Note on use of autos:** If a contractor uses his or her car for transportation, the rate of pay will be **34 cents** maximum per mile. If the contractor is a person with a disability who must operate a motor vehicle on official state business and who can operate only specially equipped or modified vehicles they may claim a rate of **37 cents** per mile. If a contractor uses his or her car "in lieu of" airfare, the air coach fare will be the maximum paid by the State. The contractor must provide a cost comparison upon request by the state. Gasoline and routine automobile repair expenses are not reimbursable.
5. The contractor is required to furnish details surrounding each period of travel. *Travel expense reimbursement* detail may include, but not be limited to: purpose of travel, departure and return times, destination points, miles driven, mode of transportation, etc. *Reimbursement for travel expenses may be withheld pending receipt of adequate travel documentation.*
6. Contractors are to consult with the program with which the contract is held to obtain specific invoicing procedures.

Travel Reimbursement Guide

Length of travel period	This condition exists...	Allowable Meal(s)
Less than 24 hours	Travel begins at 6:00 a.m. or earlier and continues until 9:00 a.m. or later.	Breakfast
Less than 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel period ends at least one hour after the regularly scheduled workday ends, or Travel period begins prior to or at 4:00 p.m. and continues beyond 7:00 p.m. 	Dinner
24 hours	Travel period is a full 24-hour period determined by the time that the travel period begins and ends.	Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
Last fractional part of more than 24 hours	Travel period is more than 24 hours and traveler returns at or after 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
	Travel period is more than 24 hours and traveler returns at or after 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
	Travel period is more than 24 hours and traveler returns at or after 7:00 p.m.	Dinner

7. *At DHS' discretion, changes or revisions made by DHS to this exhibit, excluding travel policy established by DPA may be applied retroactively to any agreement to which a Travel Reimbursement Information exhibit is attached, incorporated by reference, or applied by DHS program policy.*